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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 944**

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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commission.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

## **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 644, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to clean water permits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 644, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 644.029, to read as follows:

644.029. No existing permittee shall be required to meet more stringent water quality standards or classifications prescribed by the commission than existed at the time the permit was granted that would apply to waters for which the permittee has a permit and which would require the permittee to make upgrades or changes to its facilities or property unless sufficient federal or state funds are available to the permittee to cover the 5 costs of such upgrades or changes. Existing permittees may expand operations under the water quality standards or classifications that existed at the time the permit was granted if sufficient federal or state funds are not available. All new permit applicants may be required to meet any new water quality standards or classifications prescribed by the